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Dear Dr. Hammond:

Thank you for your letter of April 17 and the accompanying material. I believe your questionnaire does contain more than sufficient information, and that the results would be quite interesting and useful with regard to connections between birth rank, medical status, and performance in regard to occupation and educational advancement. I suppose one could also get some information on differential fertility in relation to medical history, such as would be of the greatest interest from a genetical standpoint, from the information on family size which is available from the first page of the questionnaire. And your collection of twin sources will surely be a very valuable resource in time to come. Also, from a genetical standpoint, I hope you will give your attention very soon to relationships between the fertility of the women in your sample and their medical status.

What are the prospects, then, for digging out some of the specific correlations that I mentioned in my previous and present letter?

I suspect you are more likely to find yourself in California than I in New York. I would certainly encourage you to let me know when there might be a prospect of seeing you out here to talk these matters over, if this would facilitate getting into the material questions.

Sincerely yours,

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